

Climate survey hits halfway point

Scott Hopkins
Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — More than 25 percent of Air Force people have taken advantage of the opportunity to speak to their leaders through the 2003 Air Force Climate Survey since its launch Oct. 1. The survey’s importance hinges on maximum participation, and the more people who participate, the better the results, officials said. The deadline is Nov. 23.

More than 65 percent of active-duty airmen and appropriated-fund civilians participated in the 2002 survey. For the first time, this year’s survey includes the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and non-appropriated-fund civilians.

“Our goal is to make things better for our people and our organizations,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. “This is a great opportunity for you to provide direct feedback about how well your leadership and organizations are functioning.”

The survey gives leaders honest, identity-protected feedback about the organization from the people who make that organization work. It measures factors that influence people’s behavior and factors that are relatively enduring over time, officials said.

Leaders at all levels can use this information to improve an organization’s climate and to ultimately improve its effectiveness and productivity.

As an integral communication link between leaders and enlisted airmen, the survey provides senior leaders insights into areas that need improving and areas that are doing well, officials said.

The survey also serves as an important link between senior leaders and civilians.

Through the survey, civilians can voice their concerns and provide valuable information that can improve their organizations, officials said.

Aeronautical Systems Center officials at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, applied several new initiatives as a result of the feedback received from the 2002 survey.

Officials from the center’s financial services office received a new telephone system with voice-mail capability, and they eliminated hardcopy travel vouchers, which stopped costly “assembly line” work when mailing out travel vouchers.

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Kenn Brown

Vice president comes to town

The Honorable Dick Cheney, United States vice president, is welcomed by Col. Keith Keck, 14th Mission Support Group commander, Col. Mike Holmes, 14th Operations Group commander, Col. John Burgess, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, and Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th FTW commander, during Mr. Cheney’s two-hour visit to Columbus Monday for an event downtown.

Career Day showcases aircraft, crews

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

Career Day for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training students and instructor pilots begins at 9 a.m. Nov. 8 at Columbus AFB.

The event starts with briefings on visiting aircraft at the Phillips Auditorium followed by static displays at the SAC alert facility.

“[The 14th Operations Group] invited a cross section of aircraft that represent the full spectrum of aircraft

that students and first assignment instructor pilots can get assigned to following their tours at Columbus AFB,” said Capt. Norm Lee, 14th OG career day point of contact.

Some of the crews and the aircraft scheduled for career day are the B-52, F-16, F-15E, F-15C, A-10, KC-135, C-130, C-17, HH-60, HH-53 and T-6.

“Career day provides our students an opportunity to see for themselves what operational Air Force airplanes, and the people who fly them, are like,” said Col. Mike Holmes, 14th

OG commander. “It helps them make up their minds about what they want to do before they have to fill out their ‘dream sheets.’”

“Our students get to meet face to face with crews from throughout the Air Force to talk about the different aircraft, their missions and what it is like to be in the different squadrons,” Colonel Holmes said.

The 14th OG has also invited the Civil Air Patrol and ROTC cadets to attend the event.

For more information about career day, call Ext. 3471.

Latest enlisted AFIT nominations due

WASHINGTON — Air Force Institute of Technology officials are again offering noncommissioned officers the opportunity to pursue an advanced science, engineering or management degree at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Eight NCOs from around the Air Force will be selected in early 2004 to attend the Enlisted-to-AFIT program. The program is designed to provide commanders with a diverse and renewable source of highly proficient and educated career NCOs, said Chief Master Sgt. Robert Hale, chief of Air Force enlisted professional military education at the Pentagon. Nominations are due to the Pentagon by Jan. 5.

The opportunity to attend AFIT is a direct reflection on the increasing role enlisted airmen will be expected to play

in future operations, said Lt. Gen. Richard Brown III, deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon.

“This advanced degree opportunity will further develop our NCOs’ highly technical education and skills, leading to greater innovation and improved readiness,” General Brown said. “In conjunction with other professional training and education programs, it will help give our commanders the tools they need to get the mission done.”

People interested in applying for the 18-month program must be at least a technical sergeant with a minimum of eight years time in service, 12 months time on station and have three years retainability upon graduation.

They must have completed the appropriate skill-level upgrade and resident

professional military education schooling for their rank, officials said.

Applicants must also possess a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university, Chief Hale said.

Besides academic transcripts, applicants have to provide test scores from either the Graduate Record Examination or Graduate Management Admission Test, depending upon the specific AFIT degree-program requirements.

Although not everyone can participate in this program, Chief Hale said he strongly encourages enlisted airmen not to give up on pursuing advanced education.

“There are many opportunities available for enlisted (airmen) to continue their education, and they should take advantage of them all,” he said. “By

becoming experts in our career fields, our contributions become more significant, and it enhances the professionalism of the enlisted corps as well.”

AFIT is the Air Force’s graduate school of engineering and management and its institution for technical professional continuing education.

Since residence degrees were first granted in 1956, more than 15,000 graduate and 300 doctorate of philosophy degrees have been awarded.

Prospective students can review program requirements and nomination procedures on the Air Force Virtual Education Center Web site at <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/>. They can also e-mail Hale at robert.hale@pentagon.af.mil for more information. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Web site helps with school, deployment issues

Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A Web site created to help servicemembers, spouses and children navigate the challenges associated with military moves and deployments is now available.

Sponsored by the Defense Department, the site offers advice and resource assistance for school transition issues, military deployments and more, said John Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

DOD officials have long recognized the need to disseminate helpful information to the field “for students who transition between schools as their (military) parents are reassigned,” Mr. Molino said. For years, department officials have tried to provide as good information as is available to facilitate that transition, he said.

The emergence of the World Wide Web “has been an excellent opportunity for us to take advantage of that technology, provide that information and grow from there,” Molino said.

The site contains school transition and deployment information targeted to the concerns of military parents, children 6 to 12 years old, teenagers, families with special-needs children, military leaders and educators, Molino said.

Parents can also access education-related information on transferring student records, graduation requirements and more.

The site allows military children and teens to access tips and information to help them cope with family moves and military-parent deployments, adapting to new schools and making new friends.

Monitored children’s and teen’s “chat rooms” also are available on the site.

“(The chat rooms) will enhance the ability of children to share their own experiences, which will be most relevant in that age group,” Mr. Molino said.

The war on terrorism has brought the issue of deployments to the front burner for military families, he said.

“In an age of increased deployments, it is more important to have this information on the Web site,” Mr. Molino said.

The war has made school districts more aware of the concerns of military families.

The site’s overall purpose is to help servicemembers’ children succeed within the framework of the military lifestyle, Mr. Molino said.

“These are not insurmountable problems,” he said. “These are challenges, much like the challenges they will face for the rest of their lives.”

People can visit the new site at <http://www.militarystudents.org>.

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Section workers developed an automated self-help tool for travelers that gave technicians more time to work complex inquiries.

These actions demonstrate participative leaders, officials said. According to published research, sound management practices lead to increased employee and customer satisfaction, loyalty, better retention and increased financial perfor-

mance. To safeguard personal information, only Air Force-level analysis is done on the personal information.

Questions that ask for a respondent’s Air Force Specialty Code, rank or grade, time on station, etc., will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff; that information will not be released elsewhere.

Multiple levels of protection are built

into the system. For example, a squadron report will list respondents by number of officers, enlisted members and civilians — not by rank or grade, etc.

And each breakout can be made only if there are at least seven respondents in that category.

For example, if there are three officers, eight civilians, and 10 enlisted responding in a squadron, the officer data will be

included in the next smallest breakout, the civilians. The data will be labeled as “10 enlisted” and “11 other.”

The 30-minute survey can be completed online at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer. People can also click on the Air Force Climate Survey link at Air Force Link, www.af.mil.

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.

NEWS BRIEFS

TSP season open

The Thrift Savings Plan Open Season began Oct. 15 and ends Dec. 31.

Effective this open season, the maximum civilian and military TSP program contribution rates are increasing.

Civilian employees under the Federal Employees Retirement System may contribute 14 percent of their basic pay, and CSRS employees may contribute 9 percent.

Military contributions are jumping from 8 percent to 9 percent. These are pre-tax contributions, meaning TSP investors obtain a tax break as an added benefit. The maximum dollar amount an employee (military or civilian) may contribute to TSP is \$12,000 in 2003 and \$13,000 in 2004. For more information, call Ext. 2706.

AFTV News

Staff Sgt. Leigh Bellinger, Air Force Television News, visited Columbus AFB to produce a news segment on how foreign student pilots learn about American culture, as well as how international students learn to fly using a non-native language.

This visit is televised in the Oct. 27 edition of AFTV News.

Go to Page 12 to check out showing times on Channel 64.

Official photos

Col. John Burgess', 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, official photo, 8x10, is available at the public affairs office. For more information, call Ext. 7068.

Commissary

The commissary is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Veteran's Day Nov. 11. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

Lodging waiver brings families together during holidays

Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady
Public affairs

The Air Force has allowed Air Education and Training Command lodging operations to increase the length of stays and space-available reservation windows for the upcoming holiday season.

Under the waiver, AETC lodging offices can take Space-A reservations as

far out as two months in advance of the Nov. 22 to 29 Thanksgiving holiday and the Dec. 12 to Jan. 4 Christmas and New Year's holiday.

Also, people can book up to an eight-day stay for Thanksgiving and up to a 20-day stay over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, said Terry Prudhomme, AETC lodging officer.

Space-A reservations are usually accepted no earlier than 24 hours in

advance, and for no more than three days.

Mr. Freddie King, 14th Mission Support Group Services lodging manager, said the waiver is helping Columbus AFB fully utilize the Magnolia Inn during a period that is normally slow.

"We usually have many free rooms over Thanksgiving and Christmas, because TDY [temporary duty] and PCS [permanent change of station] movements are down during November and

December," Mr. King said. "Relaxing the Space-A requirements lets sponsors make reservations for their visiting relatives and lets us maintain our occupancy rates."

The temporary waiver is only for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday periods.

For reservations or more information, call Ext. 2548 or Ext. 2372. *(Courtesy of AETC News)*



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Mike Perryman, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, puts a "C" on a house in State Housing which is scheduled for demolition in November. Houses are being demolished as part of a phased plan to modernize homes on base.

Base housing demolition to begin

Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Public affairs

Demolition of 77 houses along Columbus Circle and Alabama, Mississippi and Aberdeen Avenues is scheduled to begin in November and last about 10 months.

The condemned buildings have been marked with the letter "C" where resident nameplates are normally found.

"Every two or three years, a housing validation study is done to assess how many houses are needed on base," said Donald Young, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron deputy of operations flight. "These houses are being torn down because one — we're building new homes in place of the old ones, and two — we're trying to build new homes in place of the old ones if housing privatization is successful."

"The buildings will be fenced off around the work area, so near-

by homes should not be affected," he said. "Also, the contractor should not be working outside of normal work hours."

The 14th Mission Support Group asks that base residents take extra precaution during the demolition process:

❑ People should stay out of fenced areas.

❑ Also, there will be increased traffic flow of heavy trucks, so parents and children should increase safety measures.

❑ Residents are also asked not to park in the driveways of empty homes. This includes any housing unit that has a C on the nameplate, not just the ones presently being readied for demolition.

"The houses are now the responsibility of the contractor, so there's a liability issue," said Mr. Young. "We have not maintained the houses for quite some time, so there's a safety issue as well. And according to the housing brochure, occupants are not to park anywhere but at their own home, unless visiting a neighbor."

For more information, call Debra Caspell at Ext. 2840.

Third-quarter award winners announced

CGO of the Quarter

Capt. Jay Johnson, 48th Flying Training Squadron, is CGO of the quarter for the third quarter of 2003. The youngest mission qualification training instructor pilot in the squadron, he leads the squadron's intramural golf and softball teams. He also masterminded the squadron's "Rodeo" cross-country to Myrtle Beach, S.C. As an executive officer, he was noted by the 14th Operations Group command chief as having the most-improved products in the group.



SNCO of the Quarter

The SNCO of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2003 is Master Sgt. Andrew McClinton, 14th Communication Squadron. Sergeant McClinton guided the wing through three major telephone system projects. Sergeant McClinton managed a \$10-million contract with zero deficiencies for the quarter. He supervised the audit of the Emergency 911 program, identifying and correcting over 50 discrepancies vital to the wing's emergency response time. He also organized a \$90,000 base telephone switch upgrade.



NCO of the Quarter

Tech. Sgt. Michael Rieger, 14th Flying Training Wing, is NCO of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2003. He was noted for his exceptional handling of an \$11,000 office budget in the fourth quarter. He also researched and acquired top-notch media equipment worth \$8,000 to enhance military equal opportunity briefing sessions. Rieger created a database to track more than 100 class critiques a month. He also assisted in creating BLAZE 6, a junior enlisted council dedicated to improving the quality of life of its members.



Airman of the Quarter

The Airman of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2003 is Airman 1st Class Luke Mostoller, 14th Comptroller Flight. He is credited with supporting the best end-of-year closeout in Columbus AFB history. He is also credited with taking financial management services to the flight line, making it more convenient for pilots. Through his outstanding customer service, Airman Mostoller ensured 100-percent military pay processing accuracy, exceeding Air Education and Training Command standards.



Honor Guardsman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Chris McClendon, 14th Mission Support Squadron, is the Honor Guardsman of the Quarter for the 2003 third quarter. Airman McClendon was selected for this award for his excellent performance during 12 details over the quarter as well as his precision and performance during the honor guard board.

The honor guard award is based on how guardsmen perform in their primary positions as well as their performance in other honor guard duties.



Category I Civilian of the Quarter

Patricia Fisher, 14th Contracting Squadron, is the 2003 third-quarter Category 1 Civilian of the Quarter. Fisher volunteered to take on duties as government purchase card coordinator due to critical manning shortages, and she flawlessly managed the wing's \$5 million program. Ms. Fisher kept operations performing at peak efficiency during the transition to the government purchase card in the unexpected absence of 50 percent of the staff.



Category II Civilian of the Quarter

Linc Weinrich, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron, is the third-quarter Category II Civilian of the Quarter for 2003.

Mr. Weinrich developed and distributed 3,000 flyers containing fire safety messages and conducted 121 in-home briefings to provide the highest degree of safety for military family housing occupants and the local community. His commitment to excellence resulted in a zero fire loss spanning 50 months, the best in the Air Education and Training Command.



Category III Civilian of the Quarter

Brenda Dale, 14th Comptroller Flight, is the third-quarter Category III Civilian of the Quarter for 2003. As chief accounting liaison, Ms. Dale led Columbus AFB to its best end-of-year closeout ever, exceeding Air Education and Training Command standards.

She garnered funds for increased base security, hangar repairs, and street improvements.

Ms. Dale certified more than \$40 million in the end-of-year fallout. She also balanced 92 government purchase card accounts.



Volunteer of the Quarter

The third-quarter volunteer for 2003 is Gerry Green. Ms. Green volunteered more than 90 hours this quarter at the Retiree Activities Office, the base chapel, and off base at the Mark Mitchell Center and Friends of the library.

Ms. Green actively represents the Protestant parish at the enlisted dorm dinners that serve 270 airmen.

Ms. Green has volunteered at Columbus AFB for many years.



Masks we wear: Be yourself year round

Chaplain (Maj.) Dean Brooks
14th Flying Training Wing



October is a wonderful month. The hills come alive with brilliant color as the leaves begin to change, and the cooler temperatures make being outside much more enjoyable. The holiday season is fast approaching, and people seem to be friendlier. Children especially enjoy today — Halloween.

They love to pretend, and here is the opportunity for them to disguise themselves as their favorite hero or heroine, or some other person, animal or imaginary creature.

There is mischief in the air on Halloween. Candles flicker from inside grinning jack-o'-lanterns as children run from house to house yelling "trick or treat," in hopes of filling their bags with candy and other delicious things. Later, they arrive home to sort through all of their accumulated goodies and eat

enough sugar to bounce off the walls.

While hiding behind a mask is expected on Halloween, it would be out of place on most other days. Yet there are people who hide behind a mask every day of the year, never revealing their true selves to anyone. Some people even manage to fool themselves, believing that the façade they hide behind is the real person.

Most people hide behind a mask out of fear they will be rejected by others if they present themselves as they really are. The real tragedy is that by wearing a mask, some are rejecting themselves, feeling that they are not worthy of acceptance by others.

Yet there is one who knows us as we really are, even when we hide behind a mask. In Psalm 139 (Good News Bible) David wrote, "Lord, you have examined me and know me. You know everything I do; from far away you understand all my thoughts. You see me, whether I am working or resting; you know all my actions. Even before I speak, you already know what I will say ... Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding."

There is nothing hidden from the Lord. And knowing this much about us, God loves us and accepts us just the way we are. In Psalm 103 (Good News Bible) David wrote, "As a father is kind to his children, so the Lord is kind to those who honor him. He knows what we are made of; he remembers that we are dust."

So let's not hide behind a mask anymore. Instead of constantly comparing ourselves to others and trying to be someone we are not, we ought to respect who we really are simply because we are God's creation and we are made in His image.

Certainly there are areas in each of our lives where improvement is needed, and we ought to be working on them.

Yet we also need to look to our Creator and realize that we are individuals of great value just the way we are. As David wrote in Psalm 8 (Good News Bible), "O Lord, our Lord.

What is man, that you think of him; mere man, that you care for him? Yet you made him inferior only to yourself; you crowned him with glory and honor."

Take off the mask. Be yourself.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil.

Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Extending Columbus Club parking lot

Question: I wanted to suggest that now that the bus shelter has been removed from beside the Columbus Club, it might benefit the area to extend the parking lot. Every time there is a major function or assignment night, cars end up parking up and down the streets causing a hazardous situation for children to play and more dangerous driving conditions along Independence, F Street, State, Loop and Lowndes Ave.

Answer: Thank you for your suggestion and the concern for the safety of our children. In response

to this straight talk item, a project to extend the existing parking lot has been submitted, and we are looking for a way to fund it.

In addition, we have been in the process of adding "No Parking" signs along Independence Avenue on both sides of the entrance and exit to the Columbus Club parking lot.

These signs should be in place soon, and will increase the safety of traffic in this area.

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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Elections, voting: Basic American right

Pam Warnken

Public affairs chief

With election day coming next week, I was waxing poetic this week about voting and asked how many in our office had ever exercised that right.

It occurred to me how foreboding voting might be to those who've just come of age or who've moved around a lot on military orders. The headlines do seem filled with the scarier aspects of voting. Just knowing where the polls are, how to register, or what to do if you want to vote absentee can be a challenge.

And there's hardly an American citizen who hasn't heard about election fraud, ballots that are harder to translate than a chemistry formula, dirty politics and the scariest of them all ... hanging chads. But after you've voted once, you'll know how easy it is.

I've started a one-woman crusade to communicate how precious the vote truly is to Americans. It is the cornerstone of democracy. It is what makes America great. It's your voice. The vote is every citizen's guarantee of two-way communication.

"The voters have spoken." We've all

heard this, but still voter apathy is widespread — and the military has one of the worst records.

You may think Tuesday's Mississippi elections have nothing to do with you. Many military people on base have a home of record far from here.

But the beauty of these local elections is that they are a big wake-up call for all of us. They are a glaring reminder that whatever our state of residency, we need to register to vote there.

Next year, 2004, our nation will have a presidential election, and we'll also decide who will sit in our esteemed federal law-making body, the United States Congress.

Congressional representatives are elected every two years, but senators are chosen every six, with staggered election dates in each state.

The presidential primaries are just around the corner in March, with voters deciding which nominee they will put forth for their party.

Voting is a basic American right, but it's also a responsibility. The state to which you pay income tax or claim residency is where you must register to vote.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Lowndes County voting registrar Haley Salazar shows volunteer poll workers how to feed a ballot through the scanner. Polls are open to Mississippi voters Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call 329-5900 . The Tuesday Mississippi elections also remind military voters to register in their home state soon — 2004 is a presidential and congressional election year, with primaries set for March.

See your unit voting counselor for options on registering. If you're going "home" during the coming holidays, take a few minutes during that leave to

register to vote — and gain the chance to make your voice heard in next year's presidential and congressional races. See you at the polls.



Photos by 1st Lt. Joseph Coslett

Staff Sgt. James Granade, 14th Security Forces Squadron, gets “electrocuted” at the 14th SFS haunted house. The last haunted house night is from 6 to 9:30 p.m. today.

Parents, trick-or-treaters beware Halloween hazards

Planning ahead can help make this Halloween a safe one.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to take additional precautions to ensure a fun trick-or-treating experience:

- ❑ Make sure costumes are age appropriate. Too many buttons and strings on baby or toddler’s costumes may present a choking hazard.
- ❑ Consider using face paint instead of a mask. If the mask is a must, be sure the eye holes are big enough to see out of.
- ❑ Costumes should be light colored or have reflective tape attached to them, making children easier to see.
- ❑ Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costumes.
- ❑ Talk with children about obeying usual traffic safety rules: look both ways before crossing the street, hold hands, cross only at cross walks, don’t dart into the street or cross between parked cars, don’t go into any houses, etc.
- ❑ Inspect candy for tampering before eating. Throw out any opened candy, or pieces not in their original wrappers. Carefully inspect homemade treats.
- ❑ Hard candy presents a choking hazard for children under five years old and should be discarded. Very chewy

candy should also be avoided.

❑ When preparing your yard for trick-or-treaters, turn on as many lights as possible for safety and to indicate that visitors are welcome. Also, remove yard items that might present a hazard to passers-by, such as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots.

❑ Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars, or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.

❑ Remember, there are many trick-or-treaters already out when driving home from work. Drive very slowly through neighborhoods and during the entire evening.

Fire safety is especially important during Halloween festivities:

- ❑ Purchase or create only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. Ensure children are wearing proper shoe attire. Flat shoes help with safety and comfort.
- ❑ Avoid billowing or long trailing features that may cause a child to trip or catch fire if they get too close to a lighted pumpkin.
- ❑ Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations far from all open flames and heat sources, including bulbs and heaters.
- ❑ Use extreme caution when decorating with candles, and supervise

children when around lit candles.

❑ When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins away from combustible items. Pumpkins can also be illuminated with small, inexpensive flashlights.

❑ Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.

❑ Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

❑ Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, cover the face with hands, roll over and over to extinguish flames.)

❑ Instruct children who are attending parties at others’ homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

For more information about the fire safety tips, contact the Columbus Fire Prevention Section at Ext. 2269 or 2270. For more information regarding the trick-or-treating safety tips, call the 14th Security Forces Squadron at Ext. 7128.



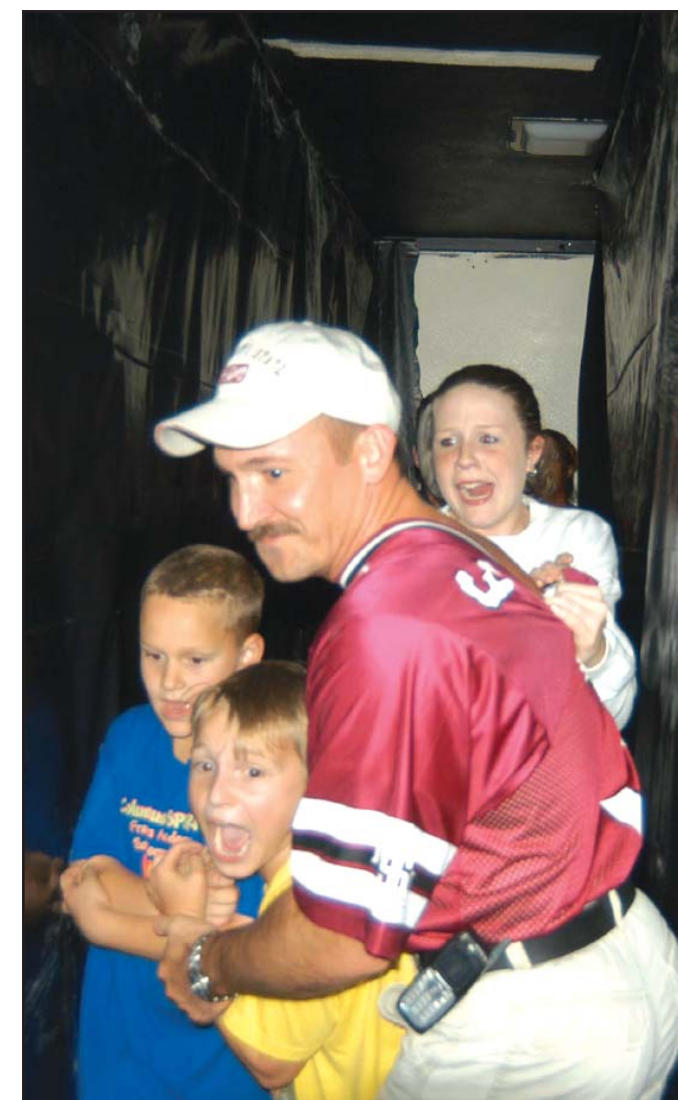
Kristi Masters, mad chef, prepares to “cook” her husband, Staff Sgt. David Masters, 14th SFS.



Staff Sgt. Teresa Granade, 14th SFS, and Christi Burton sell tickets to attendees.



Maj. Leonard Grassley, 14th SFS commander, scares all ages at the haunted house.



Top: Jody and Dena McGuff are frightened by an unknown attacker. Left: Will Shuttleworth, 9, Drake Pascal, 9, Tech. Sgt. William Shuttleworth, Air Force recruiter, and Amber Shuttleworth, 14, walk through the haunted hallway.

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Tuesday
Noon — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Saturday

“Once Upon a Time in Mexico” (R, strong violence and language, 98 min.)
Starring: Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayeck.

Nov. 7

“The Fighting Temptations” (PG-13, some sexual references, 123 min.)
Starring: Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beyonce Knowles.

Nov. 8

“The Rundown” (PG-13, adventure violence and some crude dialogues, 104 min.)
Starring: Dwayne Johnson and Seann William Scott.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call Airman Boto Best for more information at Ext. 7069.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Aug. 29

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program Tapes:

Humanities

FAMILY SUPPORT



Balancing seminar: A balancing work and family stress seminar is from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. People must register by Monday. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

Women’s self-esteem seminar: A self-esteem in women’s lives seminar is from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center. People must register by Monday. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

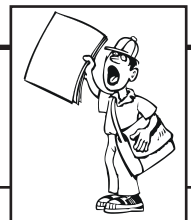
Military Month essay and art contest: Military Month launches in November. In honor of military families, the Armed Services YMCA and Lockheed Martin are accepting essay entries with the topic “Why I Like to Read,” and art entries depicting a student’s military family at www.asymca.org. The Web site provides suggestions for topics, age categories and requirements.

The winner receives a U.S. Savings Bond. Entry forms and requirements are also available at the family support center.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. daily.

For more information call Ext. 2794.

BASE NOTES



Hallelujah party: The chapel’s annual Hallelujah party is from 6 to 8 p.m. today. This year’s theme is Hallelujah Hollywood, dress as a Disney, movie or television character. There are games, prizes, a cake walk, movie and treats for all. All ages are welcome, and admission is free.

Bible studies: Tuesday lunch study is based on “The Fruit of the Spirit Studies: Overcoming Anxiety and Conflict.”
Wednesday dinner studies include



Courtesy of New Line Cinema

Secondhand Lions

The theater is showing Secondhand Lions at 7 p.m. today. The film is rated PG for thematic materials, language and action violence. The movie stars Robert Duvall and Michael Caine and runs 115 minutes.

“Wild and Wacky Bible Studies for Children” with Joy Garrison, a study for young adults and a video study for all ages.

For more information call Ext. 2500.

OSC social: The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club’s monthly social is at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Columbus Club. The program is “Getting Ready for the Holidays.”
The menu is New England buffet and is \$11. Club members get a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. People must register by noon Nov. 11.

For more information or reservations, call Lisa Davis at 434-8723 or email airtex60@yahoo.com.

Commission briefing: A mass commissioning briefing is from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 18. To sign up or for more information, call Ext. 2562.

Tuition assistance: Appropriated-fund civilians working for the Air Education and Training Command can now receive financial support for higher education under the Civilian Tuition Assistance Program.

The CTAP funds 100 percent of tuition costs, not to exceed \$250 per semester hour. There is a cap of \$4,500 per year per student (dependent on availability of funds).

SCOUTING CORNER



Girl Scouts: Regular meetings for girls in kindergarten through grade 12 are at 5 p.m. Mondays at the youth center. A trip is scheduled to “Music Mania” Nov. 15 in Starkville. A mother and daughter sleepover is Dec. 3 at the youth center. For more information call Ext. 2504.

Cub Scouts: Regular meetings for boys ages 7 to 10 are at 6 p.m. Mondays at the Columbus AFB chapel. Anyone interested in joining or helping with the Cub Scouts, call Ext. 3569.

Boy Scouts: Troop 52 welcomes new members ages 11 to 17. The scouts attending the camporee leave at 5:15 p.m. today from the community center. Scouts should meet at 8:15 a.m. Nov. 8 at the front gate for the Alabama State University-Mississippi State University game party. A basic leader training camp is Nov. 15 and Dec. 5 to Dec. 7 for anyone interested in working with a scouting program. For more information, call 343-5362.

Variety of leisure time activities available to base

Catfish buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat catfish buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Customers may still order from the a la carte menu. Call Ext. 2490.

Halloween party: The enlisted lounge features a Halloween party and costume contest from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with hors d’oeuvres, music and fun. Call Ext. 2489.

Youth center fall festival: The youth center offers a fall festival from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today followed by a dance for youth, ages 9 and older, from 9 to 11 p.m. Entry is \$3 per youth/child. Adults accompanying children are free. Youth attending the Fall Festival gain free entry to the dance. There will be a costume contest and a pre-carved pumpkin contest at 8 p.m. Glow items are on sale today at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

All-ranks brunch: The Columbus Club offers this brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

Family and teen talent contest: The youth center hosts this annual contest at 2 p.m. Saturday. Stop in and show your support. Winners will be videotaped, and the tapes are forwarded to the Air Force competition. Call Ext. 2504.

Breakfast bagels: The bowling center adds bagels to their menu starting Monday. Cost is 75 cents each. Call Ext. 2426.

Free Squadron Bowling Parties: The bowling center offers two free hours of bowling for an official squadron function anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Shoe rental is 75 cents per person, if needed. There is no limit as to how many times a squadron takes advantage of this free offer, but it must be an official squadron or division function and reserved in advance with the bowling center staff. Call Ext. 2426.

Preschool story time: The Library offers this program at 10 a.m. Wednesdays and lasts approximately 30 minutes. Call Ext. 2934.

Family bingo: The youth center offers this program for youth and their families at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 7. Youth center members play free and family members pay \$1 each. Five games will be played to include a coverall game. Call Ext. 2504.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers youth and adult classes each month. Participants must register at least four days in advance to ensure all supplies are on hand.

Youth classes are offered at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. on the day of the classes. November classes include making a potato chip can reindeer Wednesday, an angel orna-

ment Nov. 12 and a reindeer votive Nov. 19. Cost for each class is \$4.

Adult classes for November include making a welcome light angel for \$20 Tuesday, a wooden old fashioned Santa for \$28 Nov. 18 or a large or small log candle Nov. 25. Cost is \$13 for the large candle or \$7 for the small. Call Ext. 7836.

National basketball Association game: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip Nov. 10 to Memphis, Tenn. to watch the Memphis Grizzlies play the Los Angeles Lakers. Game starts at 7 p.m. with the bus departing the community center at 1 p.m. and returning around midnight. Cost is \$65 per person and includes transportation and ticket to the game. Call Ext. 7861.

Parents day out: The next parents day out is from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in support of the enlisted dining out. Reservations must be made by Nov. 12. Cost is \$3 an hour per child and a nonrefundable \$5 deposit is required when making reservations. Call Ext. 2479.

Midnight movie marathon: The youth center offers this program for children ages 9 and older from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 15. Cost is \$5 per person and a late night meal will be served. Register by Nov. 12 at the youth center. Transportation for all youth must be coordinated with staff at the time of registration. Call Ext. 2504.

Disney on Ice: The Tupelo Bancorp South Center offers the Disney on Ice show featuring “Toy Story” at 11 a.m. Nov. 15. The information, ticket and travel office is offering a trip for the show. Cost is \$25 per person and includes ticket to the show and transportation. The bus will leave the community center at 9 a.m. Call Ext. 7861.

Free pet sitting classes: The next class is from 10 to 11 a.m. Nov. 17. Please call the Lodging office at Ext. 2373 to register. To establish a pet sitting service on base, you must attend this class.

Mexican lunch buffet: The Columbus Club offers this special lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19. Cost is \$5.95 for club members and \$7.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

Fish and chips special: The bowling center offers this special from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 20. Cost is \$4.75 per person and includes four fish strips, criss-cut fries, cole slaw, hushpuppies and a small drink. No reservations necessary. Call Ext. 2426.

Silver Star casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip Nov. 21. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation and \$15 in coin. Call Ext. 7861 for reservations.

Youth trip to automobile museum: The youth center offers a trip to the automobile museum in Tupelo, Miss., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22. Cost is \$5 per person and includes visiting the museum and the Barnes Crossing Mall. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth instructional classes: The Youth Center offers the following instructional classes; karate, voice lessons, tumbling tots, guitar lessons, tennis lessons, dance and sign language. Call Ext. 2504.

The “Happy” Burger: Stop by the Columbus Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays and take advantage of the best lunch deal on the base. Order a Happy Burger, fries and a drink for only \$3.95 for members. Nonmembers pay \$5.95. An ala carte menu is also available along with a take-out service. Call Ext. 2489.

Birthday Parties: The Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person. Stop by to pick up a brochure on what is offered with each package. Call Ext. 2426.

Quick shot bingo: The Bowling Center offers quick shot bingo anytime the Bowling Center is open. Cash prizes. Cards are \$1 each.



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Frenzy

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Enlisted Lounge Open
Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m.

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Holiday cheer: Local businesses will hold open houses in Columbus and Starkville this weekend. This is a special pre-holiday event showcasing new merchandise, both gifts and seasonal decorations.

Open houses for Columbus businesses are Saturday and Sunday, while Starkville businesses hold open house this Sunday only with special hours from 1 to 5 p.m. Many of the businesses offer discounts up to 25 percent during their open house days, and free home made refreshments are served.

These business events are open to the public. Silver Wings’ advertisements give details. Other holiday events such as parades, church pageants, antebellum home tours and more will be announced in coming weeks.

Bring a friend: The Mississippi University for Women’s Bring a Friend to Class week is Monday to Nov. 7. The public is invited to sit in on any class they’d like to attend and get a feel for the campus and classrooms. For more information or to sign up, call 329-7137.

Harvest rummage: The Annual Harvest Rummage Sale is from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 8. The location is to be determined. All the money raised is donated to the Humane Society. Participants may sell clothes, old items, baked goods and crafts. Tables are \$10 to rent. For more information, call 329-7240 or 241-6696.

Antiques show: Columbus’ annual “19th Century America and the Cult of Japan” event features a week-

end of activities for families today through Sunday. Entry to the Saturday show at the Trotter Convention Center is free with \$50 of receipts from Columbus businesses, including the commissary. For more information, call 329-3533.

Diabetes walk: The second Mississippi’s Walk for Diabetes is Nov. 9 at Propst Park in Columbus. Registration begins at 1 p.m. followed by the Ugliest Sneaker Contest and Walker Welcome featuring this year’s Faces of Diabetes honorees.

Every walker who crosses the finish line is awarded a victory medal along with lunch and entertainment.

To sign up to walk or find out how to sponsor a walker, call (662) 236-5575.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Local golfer makes armed forces team

Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Public affairs

With the encouragement of his grandfather, he began carrying his putter across the green at 8 years old. Over time, he familiarized himself with birdies and back swings, fringes and fairways, sand traps and slices. Eighteen years later, he found himself competing against players from Belgium, Argentina, Canada, South Africa, Netherlands, Pakistan, Ireland and Italy.

Capt. Matt Peterson, 48th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, competed with the U.S. Armed Forces Golf team in the first Conseil International du Sport Militaire world golf championship, better known as the CISM, Oct. 12 to Oct. 18 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

His position on the Armed Forces team was not attained by chance.

“My big goal was to keep making it to the next round, and eventually, the CISM,” Captain Peterson said.

He finished sixth out of 31 competitors at the Air Force golf tournament Sept. 28 to Oct. 3 at Offutt AFB, Neb. His performance enabled him to advance to the Armed Forces Championship as a part of the Air Force Golf Team.

At the Armed Forces Championship, the top

six men from each of the services competed for six spots in the U.S. Armed Forces Championship, held at NSA Millington, Tenn., Oct. 5 to Oct. 10. For the second time, Captain Peterson finished sixth, and he went on to compete in the world championship as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces Golf Team.

“After seeing how good the other golfers are out there, you realize what an honor it is to be selected for these teams,” he said.

The United States golf team placed first at the CISM. In addition to his position on the winning team, Captain Peterson placed seventh out of 46 international competitors.

He feels privileged to have received such exclusive opportunities for his golf game.

“It’s an honor to be selected for the Air Force and Armed Services teams,” he said. “It’s motivation to continue to play golf and get better.”

Captain Peterson’s commander supports his athletic aptitude.

“It is vital on many levels to cultivate talent and push individuals to their max potential,” said Lt. Col Paul Judge, 48th FTS commander.

“Captain Matt Peterson has risen to the challenge.”



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Capt. Matt Peterson, 48th Flying Training Squadron, tees off at the Whispering Pines Golf Course.

SHORTS

No-tap bowling

No-tap bowling begins at 7 p.m. today at the bowling alley. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

Indoor soccer registration

Indoor soccer registration begins Saturday

and lasts until Dec. 15. Cost is \$25 for players.

Participants must have a current physical on file or obtain one prior to the start of the season.


A late charge of \$10 will be assessed if signed up after Dec. 15.

Volunteer instructors are needed. Call Ext. 2503.

Flag football standings

The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.

Teams	Wins	Losses
14th OSS	4	0
Tweets	4	0
14th CON	3	1
14th CES #2	3	1
48th FTS	2	2
14th CES #1	2	2
14th SFS	2	3
14th CS	1	3
14th MSS	0	4
14th MDG	0	5



Dance classes

Dance classes begin Nov. 10 at the youth center for ages 3 and older. Ballet, jazz, tap and modern classes are available.

Registration is from Nov. 3 to Nov. 5. Register and meet the instructor from 5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 3 at the youth center.

There is a \$10 registration fee per child. Call Ext. 2504 for tuition costs and for more information.

Defender Challenge

The first ever Defender Challenge Golf Tournament begins with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

The format for the tournament is three-person wacky scramble. Entry fee is \$8 for members and \$15 for nonmembers, and carts are extra.

The field is limited to the first 18 paid teams. Gift certificates are awarded to the top three teams.

Door, closest-to-the-pin and long drive prizes are also awarded. For more informa-

tion or to sign up, call Ext. 7125 or Ext. 7148.

Adult nine-pin no-tap

The adult nine-pin no-tap tournament is scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 7. Sign up by 6:30 p.m. Entry is \$10 per person. For more information, call 434-6723.

Par 3 golf tournament

The par 3 golf tournament is Nov. 15. Entry is \$15 for members and \$15 plus greens fees for nonmembers.

The golf course adjusts the tee boxes to make all holes “Par 3”.

Register by Nov. 12 at the pro shop. Call Ext. 7932.

Fun run/walk

Take in a 1.5-mile walk or a three-mile run at 8 a.m. Nov. 21. There are various door prizes to be given away.

Contestants of all ages are welcome. Call Ext. 2772.